

**In the Claims:** (strikethrough parts deleted and underlined parts added)

**Please delete Claims 3-6, 9-16 without prejudice.**

1. A tailgate controlled light system, comprising:

a light unit ~~positionable within a pickup box~~ attached beneath a bedrail of a pickup box;

a control switch electrically connected to said light unit and engageable by a tailgate for opening said control switch, wherein said control switch is comprised of a depress switch and wherein said control switch is positioned to be engaged by said tailgate when said tailgate is closed within said pickup box; and

an override switch electrically connected to said control switch;

wherein said override switch allows a user to terminate power to said light unit regardless of a position of said tailgate;

wherein said override switch is attached to a sidewall of said pickup box.

2. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said override switch is electrically connectable to a power source.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said power source is comprised of a pickup power supply.

8. The tailgate controlled light system of Claim 1, wherein said power source is comprised of a portable power supply.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)